

## SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating Highland Hills Middle School for being named a 2015 "School to Watch" by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1       A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating Highland Hills  
2       Middle School for being named a 2015 "School to Watch" by  
3       the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform.

4       *Whereas, Highland Hills Middle School, located in*  
5       *Georgetown, Indiana, has been named a 2015 School to Watch*  
6       *by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform;*

7       *Whereas, Schools to Watch is an initiative launched by the*  
8       *National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform in 1999;*

9       *Whereas, Through the Schools to Watch initiative, the*  
10       *National Forum identifies schools across the United States that*  
11       *are well on their way to meeting the Forum's criteria for high*  
12       *performance;*

13       *Whereas, The Forum's three conditions for bestowing the*  
14       *award take into account whether the school is academically*  
15       *excellent, developmentally responsive, and socially equitable;*



1       *Whereas, To achieve this level of excellence, high*  
 2       *performing schools such as Highland Hills Middle School*  
 3       *establish norms, structures, and organizational arrangements*  
 4       *to support and sustain their trajectory towards excellence with*  
 5       *a sense of purpose that drives every facet of practice and*  
 6       *decision-making;*

7       *Whereas, This national title has been earned by only a few*  
 8       *schools in the State of Indiana;*

9       *Whereas, With this new title comes the opportunity for*  
 10       *Highland Hills Middle School to send a small team of*  
 11       *educators to attend the Schools to Watch Conference in*  
 12       *Washington, D.C. in Summer 2015; and*

13       *Whereas, It is fitting that the Indiana Senate gives special*  
 14       *recognition to Highland Hills Middle School for its substantial*  
 15       *contribution to education in the State of Indiana: Therefore,*

16                       *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*  
 17                       *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

18       SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate congratulates Highland Hills  
 19       Middle School for being named a 2015 School to Watch by the  
 20       National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform.

21       SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
 22       transmit copies of this Resolution to Highland Hills Middle School  
 23       Principal Steve Griffin, Assistant Principal Dr. Dwight Beall, and  
 24       Assistant Principal Emily Hatton.

